Completion of Jammu-Udhampur railway line

*195. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Jammu-Udhampur railway line is expected to be completed;

(b) what is the total allocation at present and what are the establishment expenses;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the allocation in public interest; and

(d) whether Government have surveyed the said link line beyond Udhampur to Qazigund in valley and have also surveyed the line to be laid in the valley; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) By 1994-95.

(b) Allocation for 1991-92: Rs. 17.20 crores. Establishment costs for all categories of staff; Rs. 1.25 crores.

(c) Allocation is adequate for the planned progress during the year and for completion of the work by the target date.

(d) A Reconnaissance Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for a line from Udhampur to Qazigund had been conducted by RITES. As per the Survey Report, the line was estimated to cost Rs. 779 crores with a ruling gradient of 1 in 100, based on 1987 price. Subsequently, the RITES carried out Bi-model Study and submitted the Report in March, 1989. The salient features of 3 alternatives considered in this study are as follows:—

Alternative	Cost (Rs. in Crores)	Track/ Route Length k/m
1. *New rail BG line* —Udhampur-Qazigund —Srinagar with 1 in 40(C)/ 80(C) Gradient coupled with appropriate augmentation of existing road from Udhampur to Srinagar during construction period of the project	794	196·3
2. *New BG rail line* Udhampur-Qazigund-Srinagar 1 in 100(C) gradient coupled with augmentation of xisting Udhampur-Srinagar road during the construction period	1356	271·64
3. New Road from Udhampur to Qazigund and upgradation from Qazigund to Srinagar coupled with appropriate augmentation of existing road	454	228

Inquiry Committee report on perumon railway tragedy

*196. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the final conclusions of the Expert Committee which examined the report on Perumon Train Tragedy?

(b) the steps taken by Government in order to prevent similar accidents in future on the basis of the reports; and

(c) the details of the compensation paid and the number of cases still pending with the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a)